

Section of Taxation, Probate & Trust Law
Idaho State Bar
Minutes of Meeting: February 10, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:10 p.m. by John McGown, chair of the Section. The meeting was held at the Idaho State Bar offices.
2. **ATTENDANCE** – Attendees in person were John McGown, Robert Aldridge, Victoria Meier, Teri Muse (representative of the Idaho State Bar), Scott Tschirgi, Sandra Clapp, Margie Smith. Attendees by telephone conference were Erick Shaner and Archie Service.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the December 9, 2008, meeting were submitted by the chair for approval. Robert Aldridge moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by John McGown. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – The chair requested reports from the Section committees. The chair conveyed his intent to circulate an electronic message to obtain new volunteers for the various committees to expand the involvement of the Section members.
 - a. Legislative Committee – Robert Aldridge reported on behalf of the legislative committee. Mr. Aldridge is the liaison between the Section and the Trust and Estate Professionals, Inc. (TEPI). Mr. Aldridge discussed various bills that will be presented to the Idaho legislature this session for approval.
 - b. Public Service Committee – The committee is working on two brochures – the Basic Estate Planning brochure and the guardianship brochure. The estate planning brochure has been finalized and will also be incorporated into the Section website. The revocable trust brochure will also be reviewed. Sandra Clapp volunteered to review the revocable trust brochure. Vickie Meier will obtain a summary of the duties and scope of the committee. Discussion was held at the December meeting regarding AARP monitoring of public programs. The involvement of the Section will be further reviewed.
 - c. Continuing Legal Education – The chair provided an update of the possibility of sponsoring a seminar at the annual meeting of the ISB. In addition, the chair discussed the annual estate planning program in September.
 - d. Newsletter - The committee has been inactive. Erick Shaner volunteered to take a role with the committee.
 - e. Tax Liaison – John McGown will prepare a summary of the duties and role of the committee in the Section. The committee meets twice a year with representatives of the Internal Revenue Service.

- f. Probate and Guardian Form Book – Ms. Meier will obtain from Joseph Ubueraga an update on the status of the update on the two pending form books.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Budget for 2009 – The Chair discussed the estimated Section budget for 2009. The budget reflects a projected loss because of anticipated contributions to be made by the Section. The Section dues charged to members were reduced for 2009. The chair noted the Section needs to develop a strategic plan for use of the existing cash funds held by the Section.
- b. Strategic Plan – The Chair discussed forming a committee to establish goals to refine the vision for the Section. The Chair discussed sending an electronic message to the Section members requesting suggestions or recommendations to be assembled for consideration by the committee.
- c. ABA Standing Committee – The Chair noted the ABA standing committee on Diversity for Real Property, Trust and Estate Section, was seeking speakers to be added to the list.
- d. Continuing Education for Monthly Meeting – The Chair suggested a short education course be included as part of the Section meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled for April 14. A program on diminished capacity will be scheduled.
- e. Attorneys Against Hunger – The Section will purchase a table at the upcoming Attorneys Against Hunger fundraising. A message will be sent to all Section members seeking interested participants to use the Section table.
- f. Law Day – Members of the Section were encouraged to participate in law day to answer questions for the public.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2009.